

## Testimony: Rockport Harbor Hotel

As a longtime resident of Rockport, I wish to strongly support the newly constructed Harbor Hotel. As the third generation of my family to live in Rockport, we represent 122 years of support to this wonderful community.

I have long anguished over the absence of attractive enterprises in "Rockport Village." The Harbor has always been a gem but the street above it has, in spite of occasional places for food and a monolith of a library, never been a place for tourists or even local citizens to casually browse or shop--- much less seek lodging for a night or two. The Opera House is useful at times. This Hotel will make a focal point for all to enjoy Rockport Harbor.

The "friends" who complain that the hotel blocks their view between two buildings, along a row of similar structures, down to the Harbor is so unworthy that it defies any logic or reason that anyone but those with egotistical, selfish and arrogant behaviors would accept it.

The economic and aesthetic benefits of this Hotel far exceed the trivial discontents of the abutters. Was a building never to be constructed there--- where there used to be one?

The Smiths have accomplished a lot of quality work in our area and I believe their Hotel will provide a much needed vibrancy to Rockport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Lane". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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